

CLAIM AMENDMENT CLAIM SHEET

Claims in the Application

1. (Currently Amended) In a method of trapping and/or killing hardshell insects, wherein at least a part of an insect to be trapped or killed is exposed to a particulate composition including particles containing at least one electromagnetically sensitive material, such that the insect slips into or onto a trap proximate the composition, an improvement comprising including in the electromagnetically sensitive material at least one magnetic material.
2. (Original) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the particles have an average particle size diameter in the range of from 2 to 100 μm .
3. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claims 1 or 2 wherein the magnetic material includes a ferromagnetic oxide.
4. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the particles adhere by a magnetic force to a surface which is inclined to the horizontal.
5. (Currently Amended) A method as claimed in claims 1, 2, 3 or 4 wherein the composition comprises at least 10% by weight of hard magnetic material.
6. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 5 wherein magnetic material includes strontium ferrite.
7. (Previously Presented) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the insect includes a cockroach and the part of the insect includes a foot.
8. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the particles are composite particles which comprise a core of an inert substrate which is impregnated with and/or coated with the magnetic material.
9. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claim 8 wherein the core comprises silicon dioxide, magnesium silicate, diatomaceous earth, cellulose or a natural or synthetic polymer.
10. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claims 8 or 9 wherein the inert substrate has a pesticide or behavior modifying chemical impregnated thereon or associated therewith.
11. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claim 10 wherein the pesticide is an insecticide, fungicide, acaricide, insect growth regulator or chemosterilant.
12. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the pesticide is a bacterium, virus or fungus.

13. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the behavior modifying chemical is a pheromone.

14. (Cancelled) A method as claimed in claim 1 wherein the pesticide or behavior modifying chemical comprises at least 0.1% by weight of the cores of the particles.

15. (Currently Amended) In a cockroach affecting composition in particulate form which includes electromagnetically sensitive particles having a behavior modifying an effect upon contact with a cockroach foot such that the cockroach slips, an improvement comprising including in the particles a magnetic material.

16. (Previously Presented) A pesticide composition as claimed in claim 15 wherein the magnetic material is at least 10% by weight.

17. (Cancelled) A pesticidal composition in particulate form which comprises particles containing or consisting of a magnetic material in admixture with a pesticide or behavior modifying chemical or particles of a magnetic material coated with a pesticide or behavior modifying chemical.

18. (Cancelled) A pesticide composition as claimed in claims 15, 16 or 17 wherein the pesticide is an insecticide, fungicide, acaricide, insect growth regulator or chemosterilant.

19. (Cancelled) A pesticide composition as claimed in claims 15, 16 or 17 wherein the pesticide is a bacterium, virus or fungus.

20. (Cancelled) A pesticide composition as claimed in claims 15, 16 or 17 wherein the behavior modifying chemical is a pheromone.

21. (Previously Presented) A composition as claimed in claim 15 or 16 wherein the magnetic material includes strontium ferrite.

22. (Currently Amended) A composition as claimed in claims 15 or 16 wherein the magnetic material includes a ferromagnetic oxide.

23. (Previously Presented) In an insect trap which comprises a housing, a zone of the housing or a zone within the housing having a composition comprising electromagnetically sensitive particles, the improvement comprising including in the composition a magnetic material.

24. (Previously Presented) An insect trap as claimed in claim 23 wherein the zone of the housing includes a magnetically polarizable material.

25. (Currently Amended) An insect trap as claimed in claims 23 or 24 wherein the zone of the magnetically polarizable material comprises a removable insert placed within the housing.

26. (Currently Amended) An insect trap as claimed in claims 23 or 24 wherein the zone has a surface which is inclined to the horizontal.

27. (Previously Presented) An insect trap as claimed in claim 23 wherein the magnetic material includes a hard ferromagnetic oxide.

28. (Previously Presented) An insect trap as claimed in claim 23 wherein the magnetic material includes strontium ferrite.

29. (Previously Presented) An insect trap as claimed in claim 28 wherein the magnetic material includes at least 10% by weight of strontium ferrite.

30. (Previously Presented) An insect trap as claimed in claim 23 structured to trap cockroaches.

31. (New) The method of claim 1 wherein the composition comprises approximately 10% by weight of strontium ferrite and approximately 90% by weight of a ferrosilicate.